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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING SEPT 5 ON PROPOSAL FOR NAVOCFORMED VISIT
TO TUNIS

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SUMMARY. DURING RESTRICTED MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, DPC DISAP-
PROVED PROPOSAL FOR NAVOCFORMED TO VISIT TUNIS. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG OPENED HIGHLY RESTRICTED (PERMREPS PLUS ONE) DPC BY
STATING THAT COMMITTEE HAD TO MAKE A DECISION ON PROPOSAL
TODAY.

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2. RUMSFELD MADE STATEMENT DRAWN FROM TUNIS 3717 AND ALGIERS
1502. SYG ASKED IF RUMSFELD HAD ANY INDICATIONS OF US DISCUS-
SIONS WITH THE TUNISIANS ON THIS SUBJECT. RUMSFELD REPLIED
IN NEGATIVE.

3. ERALP (TURKEY) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NO POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO THE VISIT BUT HE BELIEVED US ARGUMENTS WERE VALID.

4. SPINELLI (ITALY) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO PRECONCEIVED OBJECTIONS TO VISIT BUT OPPOSED PROPOSAL BECAUSE TIMING FOR VISIT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE.

5. PECK (UK) ACCEPTED US OBJECTIONS TO VISIT BUT LAMENTED FACT THAT NATO DISAPPROVED VISITS TO NON-NATO PORTS EACH TIME THEY WERE PROPOSED.

6. ADMIRAL MINTER (MC) ASKED WHETHER NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROPOSE SUCH VISITS, AS HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE DPC. SYG ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY.

7. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) REPORTED THAT IN JUNE HIS AMBASSADOR IN TUNIS, WHILE DISCUSSING NETHERLANDS SHIP VISIT, HAD QUERIED TUNISIANS ABOUT NATO SHIP VISITS. TUNISIANS HAD REPLIED THAT IF NATO VISIT WERE TO TAKE PLACE, SHIPS OF FORCE WOULD BE SPLIT UP WITH EACH VISITING A DIFFERENT TUNISIAN PORT IN NATIONAL CAPACITY.

8. SPINELLI SUGGESTED THAT PROCEDURES FOR NATO HANDLING OF NON-NATO VISITS BE CHANGED TO ENABLE PROPOSALS TO BE DISCUSSED POLITICALLY BEFORE MILITARY COMMITTEE DECISION (SEE PARA 2, USNATO 2986). SYG SAID HE WOULD "BROOD OVER" SUGGESTION. RUMSFELD

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